TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE



SB 600 - HB 859

March 26, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Specifies that if Tennessee's lethal injection protocol is held to be unconstitutional under the United States or Tennessee Constitutions, a defendant sentenced to death shall be executed by any lethal injection protocol that has been upheld as constitutional by the United States Supreme Court or the Tennessee Supreme Court.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Because the Department of Correction will have the ability to proceed with executions under a constitutional method, the provisions of this bill will not result in a significant fiscal impact.
- According to the Attorney General and Reporter, any additional cost incurred as a result of this bill can be accommodated within existing resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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